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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
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National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

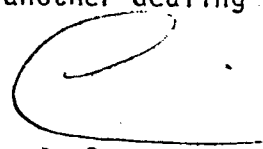
SUBJECT: Worldwide Briefing

1. I want to use a different format to present the worldwide briefing this year. Last year I did a long briefing and then most of the available time was consumed with questions addressed to me so that none of you had much opportunity to participate.

2. This year I will plan to give a very general overview of five or ten minutes describing the five areas of concern. These five areas are:

- a. The strategic threat, to be developed by Larry Gershwin.
- b. The conventional threat, to be developed by Ted Atkeson.
- c. The power projection threat which is most likely to be aimed over the Soviet southern border from Pakistan to Syria, and will thus be developed by Charlie Waterman.
- d. The subversive, creeping imperialism being carried off by the Soviet proxies which most seriously concerns us in Central America and Africa, to be handled separately by people to be determined.
- e. The use of these military and quasi-military elements to give added thrust to diplomatic, political and propaganda misuse most clearly exemplified in Europe and East Asia, to be developed by Dave Gries and someone from Europe where the concern now is a combination of arms control and European politics.

3. Then there might be two short briefings on the Soviet assets and restraints in conducting all these activities and another dealing with the pressures on the international economic system.


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